

SCR29, As Adopted by Senate, April 28, 2016

Senator Meekhof offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29.

A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Edgar "Ed" Fredricks, former member of the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature are saddened to learn of the passing of Ed Fredricks. He will be remembered for his exemplary service to the people of western Michigan and the entire state; and

Whereas, Ed Fredricks was interested in politics from a young age. He joined the Young Republicans while attending Calvin College, where he earned his degree in Economics. While at Western Michigan University earning master's degrees in History and Sociology, he worked as an aide to U.S. Representative Guy Vander Jagt and served as executive director of Michigan Citizens for Nixon. He became an author when his master's thesis, *MacArthur: His Mission and Meaning*, was published in 1968. After college, his dedication to public service led him to work for the U.S. Department of State, where he served as the vice-consul for the U.S. embassy in South Korea and for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs; and

Whereas, Ed Fredricks would go on to serve western Michigan in both chambers of the Legislature. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1974 and again in 1976 and also served three terms in the Michigan Senate, beginning in 1979. While in office, he provided a strong conservative voice for the people of Holland and western Michigan. He served with distinction as vice-chair of the House Labor Committee and as chairman of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. In the Senate, he served as vice-chair of the Local Government and Veterans Committee and as a member of the State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation Committee; and

Whereas, After retiring from politics in 1990, Ed Fredricks traveled widely. Being a devoted student of the Bible, he sat in on classes at seminaries around the world. A great sports fan, he followed his beloved Detroit Tigers and Red Wings avidly. Throughout his life, he lived a modest lifestyle, giving to others while keeping little for himself; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Edgar Fredricks, a member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1975 to 1978 and the Senate from 1979 to 1990; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Fredricks family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.